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Mystery of boy's sudden death



Leon Mansell

A FIT 14-year-old Black Country schoolboy – described by his mother as “perfect in every way” – collapsed and died despite efforts to revive him.

A group of young friends, an ambulance crew and a team of doctors tried desperately to save his life.

The mystery death of Leon Mansell, of Beecher Street, Colley Gate, Halesowen, is now being investigated by the Black Country Coroner's office which is awaiting the result of tests on his heart.

His grief-stricken mother, Jean Mansell, rushed to Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, last Wednesday night after Leon collapsed at a friend's home in Long Innage, Halesowen, at about 7.15pm.

Leon was a keen footballer and a pupil at Windsor High School, Halesowen.

Jean, aged 48, a press operator at Fern Plastics in Macrome Road Wolverhampton, said: “It is thought he may have had a heart attack.

Leon's father, Bernard, 55, who lives in Fontana, California, flew over on Saturday.

Music hall delights to boost fund

PEOPLE will be transported back to the good old days of music hall for a fundraising event for a Stourbridge hospice.

Cash from the event, called Tararaboomdey, will be given to staff and volunteers at Mary Stevens Hospice, in Hagley Road.

It will be held at Wilson Hall, in Colley Gate, Cradley, on Friday, January 28 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 from the hospice's fundraising office on 01384 377778.

JB's – Day the music died

HUNDREDS of music fans packed into doomed club JB's to bid a final farewell to the beloved rock venue.

A crowd ranging from tattooed 18-year-olds to rockers pushing 70 flocked to the goodbye party, organised partly to use up all remaining stock and partly to honour the retirement of former owners Sam and Sue Jukes.

By midnight on Thursday last week more than 600 people had already poured through the doors.

And they danced to songs from music's best-loved rock, metal and indie bands from the past few decades – including many who had graced the stage at JB's itself.

Irony

Youngsters born in the 90s danced enthusiastically next to people old enough to be their grandparents to music through the years from Led Zeppelin to Metallica.

Mr Jukes, aged 63, was handed numerous presents – and many drinks – through the evening from JB's regulars as they raised a glass to the 42-year-old institution.

Founder members Sid Weston, John Bryant and John Weston were among those there to raise one final pint with Mr Jukes in

Sale deal falls through

TROUBLED Black Country music club JB's has been dealt a fresh blow as it emerged that a potential buyer had pulled out.

The would-be buyer admitted he could no longer continue with the bid for the rock venue in Castle Hill, Dudley, plunging the future of the club into doubt. Administrators had been locked in advanced negotiations with the unnamed party for weeks and hoped to sign a deal this month. But last Friday the club was standing empty after one last bash to use up remaining stock.

The final farewell to the club was expected to be a quiet affair but it turned into a huge wake with hundreds turning out.

the club they launched together as a small disco which played alternative music. Mr Jukes said he had expected the night to be a quiet wind-down evening, not the huge event it turned out to be.

“It's a bit ironic really – the past week has been great business. We sold out on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve,” he said. “When you see this many people here, and hear how much JB's means to them, you can't believe it ever had to go into administration. It's a tragedy.”

The club's namesake Mr Bryant, aged 60 – JB himself – said the bumper turnout had ensured a fitting send-off.

“It's a sad day, but unfortunately time goes on,” he added.

“The place is always in my mind, it means a lot to all of us.

He said often the club would pay to put up bands in the Station Hotel opposite, telling them of its haunted reputation.

“They loved it – especially American bands. We'd then go out and bang the windows with sticks to give them a bit of a fright. JB's has always been about that spirit of fun,” he said.

Among the throng were “old JB's” crowd Mark Wilton, 47, from Netherton, Brian Lee and Kim Pomfret, 47, from Tipton, and Barry Cooper, 55, from Pen-snett, who said they had been going to JB's for more than 30 years, since the club was based in King Street.

“We've seen some amazing bands play at JB's – Manic Street Preachers, U2, The Undertones,” said Mrs Pomfret.

Brilliant

“It's a very big loss to Dudley.” The “new JB's” crowd were feeling no less nostalgic.

Bo Hill, 20, and Alan Crowley, 24, both from Dudley, were there with eight others. Mr Crowley said: “I've seen some brilliant bands here.”

So what have Mr and Mrs Jukes got in store now they have retired? “First of all, I'm going to have a week off – I haven't had a week off for over 40 years,” Mr Jukes said.



Friends gather outside the Dudley venue

HOSPITAL BEDS AT FULL STRETCH

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital is urging people with winter flu to use walk-in medical centres and GP surgeries as it struggles to find beds for emergency patients.

During December almost 8,000 people flooded into the accident and emergency department – some believing they were swine flu victims.

The number of admissions quickly filled the 51 temporary beds brought in by the hospital since November. Hundreds of operations have been cancelled due to the rise in seasonal illnesses.

One hospital worker, who refused to be named, said he believed some

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patients had been discharged too early to free up beds. “Patients who are returning to the wards after being in theatre are finding that there's just no room there for them to spend their required amount of recovery time.

“In my eyes some patients have been sent home far too early.

“It has been like this for around a week now. A lot of patients coming into the emergency unit are panicking thinking they have swine flu,” he said.

The daughter of an 80-year-old Stourbridge woman who was admitted

to the hospital on Sunday after a fall has described the family's anguish after being told there were no beds for her mother.

She said: “My mother was on the trolley for 30 hours, an excessively long time for a patient who is suffering back problems and is distressed with a possible hip injury.

“To be constantly told that there isn't going to be a bed and the fact we had to bring in our own pillows to make her more comfortable highlights the extent of the problem.

“My mother has been admitted to the hospital on several occasions in the past but never have we seen the wards

or staff so busy. Everybody around us looked so poorly and vulnerable but it was impossible to move anybody because there was nowhere for them to go.”

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall, said: “The Trust has seen a 10 per cent increase in emergency admissions compared to the same period last year and has opened a further 33 temporary beds to help us manage the extra volume of patients.

“These are in addition to the 18 temporary beds that were opened at the end of November. Because of the

increase in emergency admissions, the Trust has been forced to postpone non-emergency operations.”

But she stressed all urgent, emergency, trauma and cancer operations were going ahead normally.

She added: “Patient care is the top priority for the Trust and patients are not being discharged until they are medically fit to be sent home.

Derek Hunter, urgent care lead at NHS Dudley, said: “I would encourage those who feel unwell to utilise the many pharmacies across the borough as well as the local walk-in centre and GPs and remember that A&E is for emergencies only.”

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Club is left high and dry at pool

A SWIMMING club based in the Black Country has been forced out of the water for six weeks during major refurbishment works to a council-run pool.

The pool at Dudley Leisure Centre in Wellington Road was closed on January 10 to install new filters.

It is part of an £830,000 programme of refurbishments at the three borough leisure centres including Halesowen and Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge.

But Brierley Hill Swimming Club treasurer Phil Steven says his members have been left high and dry months after they lost their previous base at Cosely Baths which was controversially demolished.

Alternative

The club, which meets twice weekly at Dudley Leisure Centre, held sessions on a couple of days last week ahead of the temporary closure until around February 21.

Dudley Council spokeswoman Louise Kavanagh said: "All clubs were notified about the closure of the pool at Dudley Leisure Centre and only Stourbridge Swimming Club asked for alternative arrangements."

"Now we are aware Brierley Hill Swimming Club would like alternative sessions we are happy to work with them to try to accommodate this."

Plucky Tom helping to pioneer new treatment

A BRAVE Black Country 10-year-old is using his battle with cancer to help get a pioneering new treatment unit built in the Midlands.

Tom Blakemore, of Halesowen, endured proton therapy in the US on a rare, inoperable tumour behind his face.

He is now in remission after three months of the therapy and hopes to return to school full-time this month. His story is now being used to persuade the Government to fund a multi-million pound unit at

Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In the treatment, proton beams can be directed more precisely at tumours than standard radiotherapy, making the treatment more effective and reducing damage to healthy tissue and organs.

Football

Tom, of Hillcrest Avenue, who plays football for the Brierley Hill Bullets, was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma last January after suffering from headaches and dizziness.

Doctors found the tumour behind Tom's face, where the skull meets the spine.

Because of the unusual position of the tumour, the Colley Lane Primary School pupil needed an intense and accurate form of treatment.

The NHS paid for Tom and his parents to travel to a specialist clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. QE spokesman Gareth Duggan said Tom's story was being used to support a bid for a proton beam therapy unit.

"He is a super kid and a very good example of the children we can treat," he said.



Fighting back to health - Tom Blakemore, aged 10, with father Simon and mum Jane

Tuning in for digital television

BLACK Country residents are being urged to get digital to ensure they do not lose their TV reception when the signal switches over in April. In April 2011 the central area will start the switch over from analogue to digital signal and Dudley Council is encouraging its tenants to update now.

The authority has already been switching over flats and bungalows on a communal system over the last two years and will be continuing during the coming months.

More information can be found at the www.helpscheme.co.uk website.

Hunt for ideas

FUNDRAISING ideas are needed to help girl guide Emily Cole make a trip of lifetime to Mexico a reality.

The 15-year-old, of Whittington Road, in Norton, Stourbridge, was picked as part of a group of 10 girls from across the country to travel to South America in July.

She will fly to the Girl Guiding world centre called Our Cabana where members of the organisation

work with children on community projects.

A host of activities and cultural days learning about Mexico will form part of the nine day trip and she will also take part in craft days with school children.

But Emily, a pupil at Redhill School, in Junction Road, Stourbridge, has to find £1,800 to help pay for the trip.

Anyone with fundraising ideas or support is asked to call 07703 422216.

Game fair to draw crowds

THE Shugborough Estate near Stafford will be staging a game fair in March. The event is planned on March 5 and 6 from 9am to 6pm.

The weekend event will feature Midland airgun clubs, gun dogs, birds of prey and fly casting.

There will also be around 200 stalls and a fun fair. Ticket prices are £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

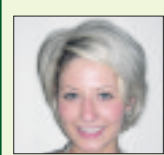
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Michael Howard

Tributes paid to chip shops boss

Loved ones are remembered

RELATIVES will be able to pay their respects to loved ones at a rescheduled service in Oldswinford which was originally cancelled due to bad weather.

Organisers of the Mary Stevens Hospice Tree of Light service had to hastily postpone the event on December 5 due to freezing conditions.

But a rearranged service will take place at St Mary's Parish Church, in Church Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, on Saturday, January 15 at 4.30pm.

The tree in the grounds of the hospice, in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, was stripped of its lights on Twelfth Night, January 5. But staff at the hospice said they still wanted to hold a commemorative service.

Poems

Pupils from Peters Hill Primary School choir and singer Esther Turner will turn out together with the West Midlands Police Pipe Band.

Poems written by patients and families will also be read out.

A candle will be lit for a moment of reflection in the service.

Mary Stevens head of fundraising Janet Jones, said: "It is hoped that members of the community will join us on January 15 to remember their loved ones during this special and poignant service."



With the Tree of Lights are Mary Stevens Hospice head of fundraising Janet Jones, left, and Senior Sister Marie Faux

"We realise that many people were disappointed at the original service having to be postponed.

"But the ground conditions of thick snow and ice made the whole area

around the tree very dangerous underfoot," she added.

This year's service has been sponsored by Dudley Building Society and Wall James Chappell Solicitors.

AN AWARD-WINNING chip shop owner who worked over four decades in Halesowen has died, aged 70.

Grandfather Michael Howard has owned several chip shops including Our Place in Dudley Road.

Mr Howard, a keen golfer and loyal Wolves supporter, died on January 2 at home in Haden Hill, Old Hill. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maureen, children Paul, 48, Rebecca, 37, and 45-year-old Gregg, and nine grandchildren.

Mr Howard was born in Bristol but moved to the Black Country to work in his family's electrical retail business.

Heart

His son, Paul, who now runs the Dudley Road shop, paid tribute to his "happy go lucky" father: "My dad was small in stature but big in heart and loved serving his loyal customers, many of whom had followed him right from when he started."

His father opened his first chip shop, in Two Gates, Colley Gate, in 1968, after the family's electrical stores were sold.

He would often be at Birmingham fish market for 5am buying that day's catch.

A second shop in Beecher Road was opened. Mr Howard bought a former car dealership in Dudley Road 22 years ago, developing the offices and kitchen into Our Place. Accolades include the Golden Chip Award 1997 and National Fish and Chip Shop of the Year finalist in 2007. Mr Howard's funeral is at Rowley Regis Crematorium on January 17 at 10.45am.

Fewer students get an Oxbridge offer

FEWER students across the Black Country are being offered a place at Oxford and Cambridge University. A total of 45 were offered a spot at Britain's two oldest universities for the September 2009 term - down from 53 in 2006.

In Dudley, 11 were offered a spot at Oxford, down from 12. But nine received offers at Cambridge, up from just three in 2006. No pupils from Sandwell had an offer from the universities in 2006 or 2009.

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Caretaker Joy Spencer on her narrowboat

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Hundreds of boats tie up there during the year and five of those are permanent fixtures with families living on board, among them the former storage warehouse's caretakers James and Joy Spencer.

Life on the water can get pretty nippy during the winter months. But they have managed to keep themselves warm.

"It's surprisingly warm inside the boat –

it's probably actually warmer than most houses," said grandmother-of-two Joy, aged 60. "We have a log fire and central heating, all the mod-cons. Sometimes we even have to open the doors to cool off."

"The recent snow caused a bit of nuisance. We've had to put rock salt on the tow paths to stop them icing over which is a nuisance as it scratches the floor of the boat, but needs must."

"The main problem we've had to overcome this year is that the water taps at the canalside – which provides drinking water

to the boats – froze over. We had to feed hosepipes from the Bonded Warehouse down so we had some water. That has never happened before."

She and James have been living and working at the Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, for seven years.

Joy said they went for the caretaking role after becoming tired of the rat race, as James – a painter and decorating contractor – was frequently working seven days a week. The couple rent out their former home in Rednal, Birmingham.

Plans drawn up to move archive

A FEASIBILITY study is being carried out into plans to transfer Dudley and Sandwell's archives to a £7million base at the Black Country Living Museum.

The study is looking into developing plans for the buildings at the museum site in Tipton Road. It will include possible layouts and staff and visitor facilities.

An artist's impression will then be drawn up and the proposals

will be submitted to Dudley Council's development control committee.

Council bosses have said they hope the new centre, which would house old photographs and documents, could be built within two years. A report on Dudley Council's website at the time revealed that bosses wanted the archive centre up and running in 2012.

Dudley Council spokeswoman Vicky Marshall said: "We are still

carrying out the feasibility study to assess the proposals of relocating the archive service to the Black Country Living Museum."

Under provisional plans a 221-space temporary car park would be installed on the former Freightliner site in Tipton Road. Plans to move the archive service have sparked opposition from campaigners who said it was a "waste of money" and the service should stay at the old Mount Pleasant School, Colesey.

Threat to police

A MAN on a drunken night out who threatened police has been given a conditional discharge. Lee Young, aged 19, of Islington, Halesowen, admitted using threatening words or behaviour. He was also ordered to pay £85 costs at Dudley Magistrates Court on December 31.

Young, a freight handler, had been celebrating his 19th birthday in Stourbridge and threatened to knock officers' heads off. Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said Young apologised.

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Burglar left his phone at house

Warren fries to the rescue



Warren Rudge, of Ivans Fish & Chips in Cradley Heath, with Lee Featonby is encouraging people to donate old clothes

A BLACK COUNTRY chip shop is offering free food to encourage people to donate their old clothes for a good cause.

Lee Featonby, aged 32, from Ave Maria Close, Cradley Heath, persuaded Ivans Fish & Chips owner Warren Rudge to give a free bag of chips to anyone who hands in a black bin liner of clothing tomorrow (January 14). The shop is in Reddal Hill Road. Clothing is collected by Loaves 'N

Fishes, a Christian project supporting people in the Midlands. "I told Warren my idea and he was all for it," said Mr Featonby.

"Originally the plan was for me to buy the chips for everyone at a discounted price but then the chip shop offered to do it free."

Among those supported by Loaves 'N Fishes, based in Waterfall Lane, are people who have been in house fires or victims of domestic violence.

A BUNGLING burglar who left his mobile phone full of photos of himself at a house he had raided has been jailed for 19 months.

Thomas Winkett, aged 23, of Mullett Street, Pensnett, was identified by the pictures.

He also left a calling card at a second house he burgled—a blood stain which enabled officers to trace him through DNA testing.

Crack cocaine addict Winkett carried out seven raids in Brierley Hill. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard he needed money to fund his "intense" drug habit.

Computer

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said Winkett broke into a house in Orchard Street and took a computer, two mobile phones and £75. He was disturbed by the owner's young daughter, who screamed, and Winkett escaped.

But he left a mobile containing photographs of himself and was picked up by police, Mr Searle told the court on January 5.

Winkett also raided a house in Brierley Hill only to leave a drop of blood on the kitchen floor.

Winkett admitted the two burglaries and asked for five similar offences to be considered.

Mr Ekwall Twana, defending, said Winkett had started using cannabis after losing his job and the break-up of his relationship.

But the father-of-one then moved onto crack cocaine which had "devastated" his life.

Judge Jonathan Gosling told Winkett it was to his credit he had admitted all his crimes.

Winter garden talk

AN ILLUSTRATED talk on The Winter Garden will be held at a nursery near Kingswinford later this month. The lecture at Ashwood Nurseries on January 29 costs £6. Call 01384 401996.

Primary school to go up for sale

A 100-YEAR-OLD former Halesowen school which closed four years ago is being put up for sale.

Holt Farm Primary School shut in summer 2006, with Dudley education bosses blaming falling numbers.

The building was used by Olive Hill Primary in the 2006-07 educational year during construction work on its own site, but has not been used since.

A consultation period was set up by council chiefs from July until November but there was only one expression of interest in the site during that time.

Future

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said the site would go on to the market.

Only one representation to the council was made during the consultation period which was an inquiry about the future use of the land.

Council chiefs say it has taken them until now to decide on the future of the site as disposing of school playing fields is a legal process and any proposals must go to the Secretary of State.

The school closed despite a high-profile campaign when parents demonstrated outside the education department's offices in Dudley in a bid to save it from the axe.

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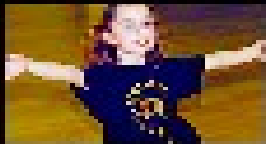
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Glory of pubs in new play

THE Black Country pub trade is the subject of a new play to be performed in Cradley Heath.

Entitled "Snug - pubs, people and poetry" the production is based on personal testimonies and anecdotes and will be held at the Hollybush pub in Newton Road next month.

The show has been created by Heather Wastie, aged 55, of Kidderminster, and Emma Purshouse, 44, from Wolverhampton.

They are members of performance poetry group "Brewers' Troupe" and have been working on the project since last March.



David Riley, of Dudley Zoo, trains young barn owl Echo to fly to the scales

Feather weight success for owl

WHILE losing weight tops many a new year's resolution, Dudley Zoo's new barn owl is celebrating already reaching her target weight.

Weighing 330 grams, 20-week-old Echo was far too heavy when she arrived last month and was put on strict rations of day-old chicks and mice to help drop to a healthy 295g.

Curator Matt Lewis said it was essential

for the bird to reach her ideal flying weight to take part in the falconry displays held in the courtyard of Dudley Castle. Staff must make sure she remains hungry enough to chase the treats offered.

He said: "If she is too fat, she will just sit in a tree and do nothing. However, if she is too skinny, she might become aggressive."

"She has been trained to sit on the scales every day."

Hospital has drop in patients with drink-related problems

MORE than 6,000 patients were admitted to Dudley's main hospital with alcohol-related injuries and conditions last year.

New figures show the largest numbers of admissions were men aged 41 to 55 from the Beacon and Castle and Wollescote and Lye areas of the borough.

The number of people treated at Russells Hall Hospital has fallen from 6,562 in 2008/09 to 6,105 in 2009/10.

NHS Dudley said the figures relate to alcohol consumption as well as drink-related illnesses such as cardiovascular disease and muscular and nervous system diseases.

They also include slips, trips and

falls. Health bosses in Dudley said they were committed to tackling the problem in the borough.

Diane McNulty, public health manager at NHS Dudley, said: "We know that alcohol misuse is one of the biggest health issues in the Dudley borough and we are committed to tackling the problem from a variety of angles."

Deliver

"We have a borough-wide alcohol strategy and by working in partnership with other NHS organisations, the local authority, police and the voluntary sector we are able to deliver a really wide range of projects to limit the damage of alcohol misuse to our local residents."

They have previously tried to reduce

the number of admissions through promotional campaigns to try and change people's behaviour towards alcohol.

Nationally alcohol-related admissions to hospital have soared by more than 50 per cent during the last five years.

There were 945,469 admissions to hospital for alcohol-related harm in England in 2008/09 up from 863,257 drink-related admissions in 2007/08.

In October, NHS Dudley, along with the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, took part in Alcohol Awareness Week where they gave out tips to help people monitor their alcohol consumption.

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Hopes rise that stalled project will finally start

A decision on part of the scheme to build seven shops and 14 flats, in Windmill Hill, will be made by planners early next year. Councillor Jones hopes the Windmill Hill

Meetings for residents

People are invited to the Wollaston Farm Tenants and Residents Association on January 25, St James's C.E. Primary School, in Kingsway, Wollaston at 7pm. On January 27, Green Street Gardens Tenants and Residents group hold a meeting at Bailey Court, off Green Street, at 7pm.

Plans for a new health centre, built with cash from Dudley Primary Care Trust as a public-private partnership with Dudley Infracare, are still on the drawing board.

Frustration

nity is coming.

"If everything goes to plan we could be looking at work starting within 12 months to two years on the whole plan."

A detailed report was due to be discussed by councillors and the public tonight's (January 13) Halesowen area committee.

Students celebrate new head



The Kingswinford School students Ruth Pearson, Paul Carpenter, Macauley Unwin, and Samantha Meese, all aged 15, back, with head girl Tamara Jackson, 16, and head boy Harry Thynne, 15, with new headteacher Bronwyn Hedley

Bronwyn Hedley took the reins at The Kingswinford School in Water Street, Kingswinford, on January 1 – and says she can't wait to get her teeth into the running of the school. "I'm very honoured and feel very privileged to be given this position. "It is exciting to be given the opportunity

She has worked with five headteachers – David Wood, Geoffrey Harrison, Peter Limb, Darren Francis, and John Simms and says she has learned something from each. Mrs Hedley was promoted from the role of principal deputy head.

Centro seeking opinion

Exhibitions are scheduled to take place in January but transport authority Centro is now inviting businesses and the public to voice their opinion on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) at Transport User Forum meetings.

Exhibitions include one between 11am and 3pm on January 18 at Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley, and 3-6pm on January 27 at Lift Building, Venture way, Brierley Hill. Visit www.westmidlandsltp.gov.uk/formalconsultation to post views.

Rihanna at 'V' rumours

The US stars and Arctic Monkeys are rumoured to be playing the festival, which will take place at Staffordshire's Weston Park and at Chelmsford on August 21 and 22. Internet forums are awash with rumours about the star-studded line-up.

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Fines written off for raider caught on site



All smiles at the dentist's, from left: receptionist Yazmeen Matloob, dentist Dr Mirza and dental nurse Karen Kaur

All smiles for Barnardo fundraiser at dentist's

TIPTON Dental Practice were giving away more than £500 worth of dental care in their festive charity raffle.

Principal dentist Dr Kazim Mirza and his staff at Tipton Dental Practice on Owen Street, were hoping to raise an equivalent £500 for Barnardos, the UK's leading children's charity.

The team have been collecting donations for the

past three months but hope that by offering prizes more patients will be encouraged to part with their small change.

Community

Over the past nine-years the surgery has dedicated much of its time to engaging the local community with various events.

Dr Mirza said: "We really want to help promote Barnardos and we hope that

our raffle can draw in enough funds to beat last year's £300.

"I hope that everyone will show their support to such a worthy cause."

This year's prizes include a free in-surgery tooth whitening session worth £400, three home whitening kits and several oral hygiene kits including toothbrush, floss-picks and mouthwashes.

A METAL raider caught red-handed in Tipton had more than £900 of unpaid fines written off and was told to do 80 hours of unpaid work to make a "fresh start".

Jamie Malpass was caught holding copper piping when he and brother-in-law Andrew Buckler were found at the disused Bonner Regis site in High Street, Princes End.

Warley Magistrates Court heard how the pair went into the site on November 16 via a removed rear door because two men, claiming they were clearing the site, told them to take what they wanted.

Malpass, of Beddows Avenue in Coseley, and Buckler, of Wednesfield Road, Willenhall, thought they could make cash selling the scrap but did not know an alarm had been triggered.

Miss Pushpa Sheemar, prosecuting, said police found Malpass and Buckler with piping in their hands. Malpass, 26, admitted burglary with intent to steal.

Mr Chris Stapleton, defending, said: "Mr Malpass has constantly stated he was walking along and saw two people carrying piping who said help yourselves.

Finances

"He had found himself in a dire situation, his finances were very bad and he wasn't being allowed to see his children by his partner."

He added that Malpass had co-operated fully with police.

The court heard Malpass had broken a community order and needed to complete 120 hours of unpaid work and pay £1,319 in costs, fines and compensation.

Chairman of the bench Mrs Glenise Edwards said she would remit the oldest fines for a total of £903.

"This is your chance for a fresh start," she said.

Malpass was given another 12-month community order with supervision and 80 hours' unpaid work to run consecutively with his outstanding order.

Earlier this month co-accused Buckler was given a 12-month community order with 80 hours' unpaid work, plus £85 prosecution costs.

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THE GREEN HORNET FROM JAN 14

It's going to be another year for comic book heroes with The Green Lantern and Thor in the pipeline but the first of the bunch is The Green Hornet with Britt Reid played by Seth Rogen, as the son and heir to Los Angeles' largest newspaper fortune.

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However, the death of his father James Reid played by Tom Wilkinson, brings Britt into contact with employee Kato, a role taken on by the late great Bruce Lee in the TV series but this time played by Jay Chou.

Their social consciences are collectively pricked and Kato builds The Black Beauty, the inevitable and indestructible car which no comic book hero should be without and as you would expect comes with every weapon imaginable. The twist this time comes as Britt decides that to be heroes, they will pose as villains.

Cameron Diaz adds the glamour as Reid's new secretary, Lenore Case and of course you can't have a hero without a nemesis, stand up Christopher Waltz as Mr Big, Benjamin Chudnofsky who has all the gangs under his power - cue the action.

Visit www.sonypictures.com/movies/the-greenhornet/

CONVICTION - THE TRUE STORY OF BETTY ANNE WATERS FROM JAN 14

This inspirational story stars Hilary Swank as Betty Anne who is devoted to her brother Kenny, played by Sam Rockwell who was sentenced to life for murder in the 1980s.

Convinced of his innocence Massachusetts mother and wife Betty sets about devoting her life to overturning the conviction.

She puts herself through high school, college and, finally, law school in an 18-year quest to free him. With the help of best friend Minnie Driver as Abra Rice she dissects the evidence and pushes herself and everyone around her to the limit to achieve her goal.

MORNING GLORY FROM JAN 21

In this romantic comedy Becky Fuller, Rachel McAdams, is a young producer who must save her TV show and her love life.

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However, she has a tough job on her hands when she's given the task of resuscitating a flagging breakfast TV show Daybreak, which has already eaten and spat out several seasoned producers.

Her first job is to bring on board the legendary but notoriously difficult, presenter Mike Pomeroy played by screen veteran Harrison Ford to work with self-important anchorwoman Colleen Peck played by another veteran Diane Keaton.

It's not hard to figure out that sparks start to fly and things go wrong, to add to her woes her personal life in the form of boyfriend Adam - Patrick Wilson - is heading for an iceberg.

Can she calm the storm between her bickering hosts, save the show and keep her boyfriend on board - there's only one way to find out.



BLACK SWAN FROM JAN 21

Nina played by Natalie Portman is a ballerina in a New York City company whose life is dance.

She lives with her retired ballerina mother Erica - Barbara Hershey - who is a driving force behind her daughter's professional ambition.

Dance director Thomas Leroy played by Vincent Cassel replaces prima ballerina Beth MacIntyre, Winona Ryder, for the opening production of their new season, Swan Lake and Nina is now his prima.

However, she has competition in the form of the new dancer, Lily, played by Mila Kunis, who impresses Leroy just as much.

The famous ballet requires the prima ballerina to play the White Swan with innocence and grace, and the Black with guile and sensuality.

Nina fits the White Swan perfectly but Lily is the personification of the Black Swan.

As the two young dancers' lives become entwined their rivalry morphs into a twisted friendship thus the central question of the film asks will Nina survive as she explores her dark side with a recklessness that threatens to destroy her.

Visit www.foxsearchlight.com/blackswan



THE MECHANIC FROM JAN 28

This remake of the 1970s Charles Bronson classic has Arthur Bishop played by Jason Statham who is the mechanic of the title - an assassin with a strict code and a unique talent for cleanly eliminating targets.

Bishop is the best there is, a professional perfectionist with total detachment.

But when his mentor and close friend Harry, Donald Sutherland, is murdered, Bishop shows human weakness.

He chooses his next assignment and wants those responsible eliminated.

However, Harry's son Steve played by Ben Foster complicates matters when he shows a determination to learn Bishop's trade. Bishop decides to take the student deep into his world and a deadly partnership is born.

But while in pursuit of their ultimate mark, deceptions threaten to surface and those hired to fix problems become problems themselves.

Visit www.themechanicmovie.com

TANGLED FROM JAN 28

Tangled is Disney's retelling of the Rapunzel fairytale.

Princess Rapunzel who is voiced by Mandy Moore, is a teenager with 70 feet of enchanted blonde hair who has been imprisoned in a tower by the witch Gothel who is given life by Donna Murphy.

As you can imagine homesick Rapunzel wants to head back to the kingdom of her childhood.

So when lovable rogue Flynn voiced by Zachary Levi takes refuge in the tower as well, she espies an opportunity.

She makes a pact with the thief and the pair become entangled in an adventure.

With her pet chameleon and a police-horse by her side, Rapunzel heads for home.

As you will no doubt expect this Disney animation comes with catchy songs, comic characters, plenty of action and of course loads of hair. It will be released in two and three D versions

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History in the making

A LONG-RUNNING history society has released its programme of events for the first part of 2011 and is inviting visitors to attend.

Amblecote History Society meets at the Church Hall in Vicarage Road on the second Wednesday of every month from 7.30pm.

It is dedicated to preserving and recording the history of the village.

Visitors are welcome to attend for an admission fee of £1.50. Further details are available by

calling Helen Cook on 01384 395034.

The February 9 talk will focus on the Grey family of Enville.

On March 9 Ian Bott will look at Black Country mansions, including those situated in the Amblecote area.

A talk on the history of Witley Court, Great Witley, once owned by Black Country industrialists the Foleys and Dudleys, will be staged on April 13.

Hotel's £5m revamp stalled by opposition



Owners Wilf and Terrie Beardsmore with the plans for Dunsley Hall Hotel

A £5MILLION transformation of a landmark Kinver hotel, which may create up to 170 jobs, has stalled in a row between its owners and English Heritage.

The Grade-II listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, Kinver, is due a revamp to create a five-star venue in time for the 2012 Olympics.

But owners Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore suffered a setback as English Heritage announced it was "strongly opposed". Under plans, the number of bedrooms would increase from 10 to 34 and a spa and function room would be built.

Staff numbers would rise from about 30 to up to 200. Although English Heritage agreed in principle to plans to transform former stables into bedrooms, it called parts of the plan to extend the main hall to create new rooms "disproportionate."

Petition

The Beardsmores want villagers and customers to back plans and force an English Heritage rethink. They say if they have to go back to the drawing board, it will leave them thousands out of pocket.

More than 30 people visited the Dunsley Hall Road hotel to see plans on January 3. Some signed a petition which owners plan to send to South Staffordshire Council.

Mrs Beardsmore said they turned away £600,000 of business because of a lack of bedrooms. Plans will be resubmitted to the council by March.

English Heritage spokeswoman Renee Fok said: "We are strongly opposed to the proposed new extension to the principal listed house which will approximately double its existing ground floor area and be wholly disproportionate to, and out of keeping with, its present vernacular scale and character."

"It will significantly damage the character and appearance of the walled garden, and be visually intrusive and out of place."

South Staffordshire Council spokesman Jamie Angus said they met owners in December to discuss plans and offer advice on the way forward.



An artist's impression of how the new extension and spa would look

Life's a beach for the X-man

TWENTY years ago, he was standing on the shores of Rio de Janeiro, gripping a surfboard and taking his pet lion for a walk along the beach.

Twelve months ago, he was about to undergo a third operation on his damaged shoulder, struggling to find work, and desperate.

Now, he is a cult figure, has performed on stage live for millions of viewers, and can't go out without being mobbed.

He is even on the shortlist for a spot on next year's I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Yes, it's been an interesting journey for the Black Country's latest musical star, Wagner Carriho.

The former Sandwell martial arts instructor was back on home ground recently with a show at Stourbridge's River Rooms where he earned £3,000 for singing five songs.

Wagner said he had "singing in the blood", and had always hoped to follow in the footsteps of his entertainer father Paschoal - known as "The Prince of the Audiences".

When Wagner was a teenager, his father was struck down by illness and young Wagner decided he should get a "safe" job as a PE teacher.

"In those days, those were the safe jobs," said Wagner.

Football

"If you had a job for the Government, you had a job for life, so there were many applicants."

"They held tests at the Maracanã football stadium as there were so many, with spectators watching. And I passed."

The passionate Brazilian moved to Dudley to be with first wife Trudi Brass in 2002 - a marriage which broke down just weeks later - and started working as a supply teacher.

He also ran his own conservatory fitting firm, and taught karate. He was made a British citizen at a ceremony at Dudley Council House in 2005.



Wagner pictured at his recent Stourbridge concert

Problems struck when tendons in his shoulder, weakened from years of high-impact work, became damaged beyond repair.

He went on X Factor, he said, simply to increase his chances of getting another job. And the rest is TV history. "It is crazy how much my life has changed since I was walking on the beach with my lion," he said.

"But it's all wonderful. I feel very honoured."

Hot desking speeds up in bid to cut costs

PLANS to introduce "hot desking" for staff at Sandwell Council look set to be accelerated in a bid to save cash.

The authority needs to save £75million over the next four years and is planning to close offices.

The council's finance boss has now said the introduction of an "agile" working scheme - which would get rid of individual desks to allow office employees to work

from any desk at the authority's sites, or even from home - would be starting imminently.

One of the first locations will be Oldbury's new £6m library and office space Jack Judge House, which is due to open next month.

Councillor Steve Eling, cabinet member for strategic resources at Sandwell Council, said: "At the moment I am looking to accelerate how quickly we are looking to introduce hot desking in order to realise savings sooner than later."

"We will be rolling it out so in time it should be available to everyone who is office based."

"But in order to make it work we have got to have this system where people log into the phone with their own number, so we have got to upgrade phone systems to make it work."

In April the authority announced it was looking to close a third of offices with outdated ones sold off and rented accommodation vacated.

Free grit scheme

EVERY household in Sandwell could be given a free bag of grit under plans being considered by the borough's council.

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper wants people to do their bit in a freeze and said it could cost the authority as little as 20p per 10kg bag for the 90,000 households. Plans are being costed with a decision on the way.

Councillor Cooper said: "We are also talking to voluntary organisations that could drop a bag of grit off."

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How Tim went all of a Twitter to find singers to back album

Former music student Tim Prottey-Jones tells **LEON BURAKOWSKI** how rising singing stars helped him realise his songwriting dream

A SONGWRITER from Birmingham has won the support of some of the West End and Broadway's rising stars on a new album which showcases his songs.

Former Wolverhampton University music student Tim Prottey-Jones, who lives in Edgbaston, has an amazing array of vocal talent on his debut release, *More With Every Line*.

The line-up of guest singers on his album is akin to an Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacular, and features three young singers who first found fame on Lloyd Webber's TV search for a Nancy for Oliver, *I'd Do Anything*.

That includes current star of *Wicked* in the West End, Northern Irish singing sensation Rachel Tucker; Eponine in the current London cast of *Les Miserables* and recent Royal Variety star Samantha Barks; and *I'd Do Anything* runner-up Jessie Buckley, an Irish 21-year-old gaining a reputation as an exceptional jazz singer while also studying at RADA.

Positive

"Their support has blown me away," said Tim, who is originally from Droitwich Spa. "I got in touch with them via Twitter or Facebook and then I sent them demos of my songs. I didn't dare dream I would get such a positive response."

Tim plays all the instruments on the album but collected the vocals over six months, juggling his aspiring showbiz career with his day job at community music charity Sound It Out.

Former *Hear'Say* and West End *Grease* star Noel Sullivan was first on board and then Barks, before she won her current role in *Les Mis*, and the last to contribute was Tucker, taking time out in September from her busy schedule in the green make-up as Elphaba.

"I would travel down to London with my own



Four singers who recorded for Tim Prottey-Jones, from left: Rachel Tucker, Samantha Barks, Jessie Buckley and Colleen Ballinger

recording gear and set up in my friend's apartment in Islington and they would come to the apartment to record their vocal," says 30-year-old Tim.

"I think it may have seemed a little strange to them but they liked the friendly atmosphere and they liked the songs. The vocals are amazing."

The Americans recorded their vocals at a studio in New York between Broadway performances. The others singers taking part are: Louise Dearman, currently playing Glinda in *Wicked* in London; Daniel Boys, who featured in TV *Joseph* search *Any Dream Will Do*; Tittuss Burgess, an American tenor who starred in Disney's *The Little Mermaid* on Broadway; Victoria Hamilton-Barritt, currently playing the lead as Alex in the West End production of *Flashdance The Musical*; Broadway leading men Aaron Lazar and Drew Sarich;

and former S Club 7 singer Jon Lee with his *Tomorrow Morning* co-star Julie Atherton.

One of the most surprising recruits to the album is Colleen Ballinger, better known by the name of the internet phenomena she created on YouTube, *Miranda Sings*, in which a hopeless wanna-be murders famous songs. To sing that bad you have to be able to sing good too.

Humbling

The singers showed their support in another way, performing for no fee or next-to-nothing, a humbling display of support that has fuelled Tim's desire to pursue a career in musical theatre.

He comes from more of a rock background, since living in Walsall while studying at the university campus, he has drummed in various rock bands. But he was drawn to musicals via his love of Lloyd Webber's music for rock

opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a devotion which saw him joining West Bromwich Operatic Society to play the role of Jesus at the Grand Theatre and the Alexandra Theatre last year.

The collection of songs on *More With Every Line* are drawn from two musicals that he has written, *Once Bitten* and *After The Turn*, and he has already started planning a second album of his songs with guest singers. He has a 'wish list' of vocalists he hopes to get involved in the latest project, topped by Les Mis star John Owen Jones.

Now it's just a matter of waiting to see if Tim's songs reach enough of the right ears to make his showbiz dream come true.

More With Every Line is available to download from iTunes, or the CD can be ordered from Amazon or London musical theatre store Dress Circle.



Tim Prottey-Jones, right, and above when he appeared as Jesus at the Grand Theatre

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High rise search for an 'angel'

THE search is on for good neighbours to be honoured at an awards ceremony.

Now in its sixth year the annual Good Neighbour Award specifically highlights good deeds that go on behind the scenes in high rise communities.

Residents in Dudley are being asked to nominate people they feel deserve this year's award.

It could be someone who does odd jobs such as cooking or shopping for an elderly resident or people who are just generally good neighbours.

The winner and runner-up will be chosen by a judging panel and handed their trophies at a forthcoming High Rise Living Forum meeting in March. The closing date for entries is January 20.

Nominations

Councillor David Simms, cabinet member for housing, said: "The Good Neighbour Award is a perfect way of thanking the unsung heroes of our high rise housing."

Dudley Council and Dudley Federation of Tenants & Residents Association have teamed up with the High Rise Living Forum to run the awards. Nomination forms are now being delivered to residents in high rise blocks across the borough and are available at Dudley Council Plus, libraries and housing offices.

For more information log on to www.dudley.gov.uk.

1,400 parking fines are handed out at hospital

ALMOST 1,400 parking fines were handed to drivers who blocked the path of ambulances and other emergency vehicles at Dudley's main hospital last year, new figures reveal.

Tickets were given to patients, staff and visitors who parked "inappropriately" at Russells Hall Hospital.

Red lines have been painted in certain parts of the site after complaints that lives were being put at risk because of the inappropriate actions of drivers.

Motorists often leave their cars on the lines to avoid paying to park or if they are running late for appointments.

There were 1,390 fixed penalty notices issued in 2010 carrying a fine of £15. If this was not paid after 14 days, the fee was increased to £30.

Paula Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, said: "There is a fixed penalty notice system in place for vehicles that are parked inappropriately, for example on red lines around the hospital site where vehicles will cause an obstruction to other vehicles and on public footpaths."

"There are notices clearly displayed around the hospital site."

Car parking facilities at the hospital are provided by the trust's PPI partners Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd and managed by Interserve (Facilities Management) Ltd.

The red lines were painted in 2008 and signs warning motorists were also installed.

Permits

A £6 million staff car park, with 691 spaces, was opened at the hospital last month. But staff living within a mile of the hospital will not be allowed to use it. More than 3,000 workers applied for permits.

But the hospital said the number of parking spots was limited by council regulations. Monthly fees of £15 are proposed for full-time staff, £7.50 for people working fewer than 18.75 hours a week, £5 for bank staff and those earning £16,753 or less.

The fees will claw back some of the building costs.

New year traditions explained



Kerry Anne Marson and Dave Williams, from Dudley's Black Country Living Museum, celebrate the start of 2011 with traditional symbols of bread and coal

THE importance of a lump of coal, a piece of bread and a tall, dark-haired man to a traditional Black Country New Year has been revealed to museum visitors.

Staff at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum also shared anecdotes of New Year traditions now lost to history with people touring the attraction.

Visitors were told how it is traditional for a tall, dark-haired man to open the door of a house and welcome in the New Year. The man chosen would leave the house through the back door, walk around the house and open the front door, stepping through.

Coal was also a symbol of heat and health and bread on the table to signify wealth and prosperity in the coming year.

Among those sharing the traditions was 37-year-old Kerry Anne Marson, a guide at the Tipton Road museum.

"The dark-haired man was itself linked with the legacy of the chimney sweep," she said.

"For example, having a chimney sweep at your wedding is a symbol of good luck and, of course, the soot turns a man's head dark. The dark-haired man was a similar symbol to bring good luck," she added.

School build hit by poor weather

BUILDING work at a new £8million Sandwell primary school has been delayed by the ice and snow.

Sandwell Council faces a race against time to complete the work at Tipton Green's new primary school in time for September.

Work to replace the existing Tipton Green Junior School on Park Lane West started in July. It will provide a new three-form entry junior school together with community facilities.

Foundations have been laid but the scheme is already running behind schedule. According to a timeline on Sandwell Council's website work was due to start to install the roof this week. However other work will need to be completed before this can begin.

When the work is completed, the school will provide larger new classrooms and rooms for community use.

The new development is being built behind the current junior school and will be linked to the existing Victoria Infants School.

The current building is due to be demolished as soon as the new one is open. Opened in the 1970s, the school is currently oversubscribed.

The new school will cost £8 million and will create more than 100 new places for pupils. The plan is part of a borough-wide scheme to rebuild primary schools.

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In the running for fitter future

If you want to know how to get in shape, exercise is the key.

The tricky bits are:

How to get, and remain motivated for the effort which will be required; What to do to get the most benefit from the minimum amount of effort; What you absolutely must do when you start out; What you absolutely must NOT do when you start out.

Motivation is a tricky one. We all like the idea of being able to get a great, trim body without any effort. However, we all know that life is never that simple. Sorry, but it's going to take some effort. All of a sudden it doesn't look so attractive. Maybe I haven't got time to start right now... maybe next week...

If you do really want to make a difference to your body, some things are certain:

If you carry on doing what you're doing now, nothing will change. If you are not prepared to put any effort in, you won't even get started. If you hate the activity which you are going to do to get in shape, you will not last the distance. If you don't start seeing results pretty quickly, you'll give up.

This may sound harsh, but you may as well know the truth. The good news is that, if you are prepared to do some work, you can make huge gains, and pretty fast too.

First you need to sort out your motivation. This really is just a question of thinking about what you want to achieve.

Freedom

Once you've become motivated, it's all pretty easy to get in shape. First, decide what to do. There are loads of different activities which you could choose, some better than others at helping you achieve your goals. But the key is to find something (or things) which you enjoy doing. Try as many different things as you can, and find out what you enjoy doing.

What about running? Many people hated it at school but now enjoy the freedom.

The benefits are that you can run anywhere you like, you are not dependent upon anyone else turning up (like team games), you can think about what you like, without background noise from other people, enjoy being out in the countryside, admiring the scenery and can run as fast or slow as you like.

But you may prefer the social aspect to

joining a team (e.g. basketball, football, etc), or the competitive aspect of joining a club (e.g. swimming, athletics, tennis etc). It doesn't matter, as long as you enjoy it!

Now for another major truth for answering the question: How to get in shape? That is, that the more vigorous the exercise, the better it is for you, and the faster you'll make improvements.

No-one runs slowly or cycles at a snail's pace for fun. It's human nature to want to go faster, to make more dramatic advances in your fitness, as well as beating your personal records. So everyone who is trying to get in shape will naturally want to put as much effort as possible in, to get the maximum benefit out.

Doctor

Studies of people exercising have shown that the maximum benefit derives from the principle of progressive overload. That is doing an activity at a slightly higher level than you've done it before, then resting, then repeating. The human body is great at adapting to this sort of regime, and this is the way to make really fast progress in your health kick.

Now to the two other questions at the start of this page. First - what MUST you do before starting to get in shape? You must get checked out by a doctor. No one likes doing this, but only someone who has physically examined you can advise you about what you can do. Some people may need to start out with non-impact exercise (e.g. cycling or swimming) until they have built up their leg muscles (and/or lost sufficient weight) to enable their bodies to be able to take more vigorous exercise. Others may need to take special care with some other part of their bodies.

Level

If your doctor does advise you not to do a particular thing at the outset, don't be put off the whole idea. Don't forget that human bodies are supremely adaptable, so as you start doing even the lowest level of exercise, your body becomes stronger. So over a period of time you can build up to doing things you never thought possible.

If 70-year-olds can start training for marathons, and actually finish them, there are virtually no limits to what you could achieve with the right level of application.



Enjoy the freedom and the countryside views when you are out running

Lastly, what must you NOT do when starting out? The most important thing is to avoid trying to make progress too fast.

Assuming that you are out of shape to start with, you need to be very careful not to try too hard at first. If you can't cross the road without breaking into a sweat, trying to run as hard as you can for 30 seconds could kill you. So start gently, and build up.

Once you have built your fitness, you can start the progressive overload mentioned earlier to make more rapid gains. But if you try too hard right at the beginning, you run the risk of injuring yourself, and having to wait for your body to repair before you get started again. So if you want to know how to get in shape follow this advice and most importantly HAVE FUN!

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Shimmering

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She loves the three gel eyeliners and the beautiful eye palette. The eye shadow quartet contains the prettiest washes with 'barely there' beiges, corals, pinks and shimmering turquoises and greens, all evocative of the Cote d'Azur. Teamed with the strong

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Waking up to ways of making skin glow

GOOD health is the secret ingredient of a glowing skin. By becoming healthy and staying fit all the time, people eventually notice that their skin looks better.

It won't be dry and scaly, but will have a natural glow to it. There are many ways to maintain this kind of skin condition. There is a variety of healthy foods you can eat to keep your skin looking young and fresh and glowing naturally all over.

We have been taught since kindergarten to eat a balance diet and this includes incorporating a lot of vegetables and fruits in our protein and carbohydrate diet.

They may not excite our taste buds when we were still kids, but as adults we should know that one way to keep our skin healthy is to keep our whole body healthy.

And it will be noticed! Hair shines, skin glows, nails are strong and senses are intact. Therefore, the first step in keeping a healthy glowing skin is to stay healthy within.

It is not just through eating that we can keep our body healthy. Getting the right amount of sleep daily, drinking enough water daily to keep the body hydrated, maintaining daily hygiene routine, regular bowel movements, and having a regular exercise regime are also important factors that are needed



It's important to get the right amount of sleep

by the body to be in good condition. The healthy foods you can eat come from a variety of choices. It is important to have them at different times of the week so that you don't lose your liking for them.

Because we are human, we also long for foods that are healthy yet delicious. They say it's not possible to get this package in one. Let's find out.

A variety of fish like fresh tuna, mackerel, and sardines are good for the skin, too. They contain essential fatty acids that promote a healthy looking moisturized skin.

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Fruits like berries, mango and avocado are the best fruits to eat to enhance skin texture as they are rich in antioxidants like Vitamin A, C and E.

Wholegrain like bread and pasta are rich in fibre therefore promoting good digestion which is essential in the maintenance of good health.

Almonds, hazelnuts, honey, green tea, and low-fat yogurts are also included in this list that promote skin glow.

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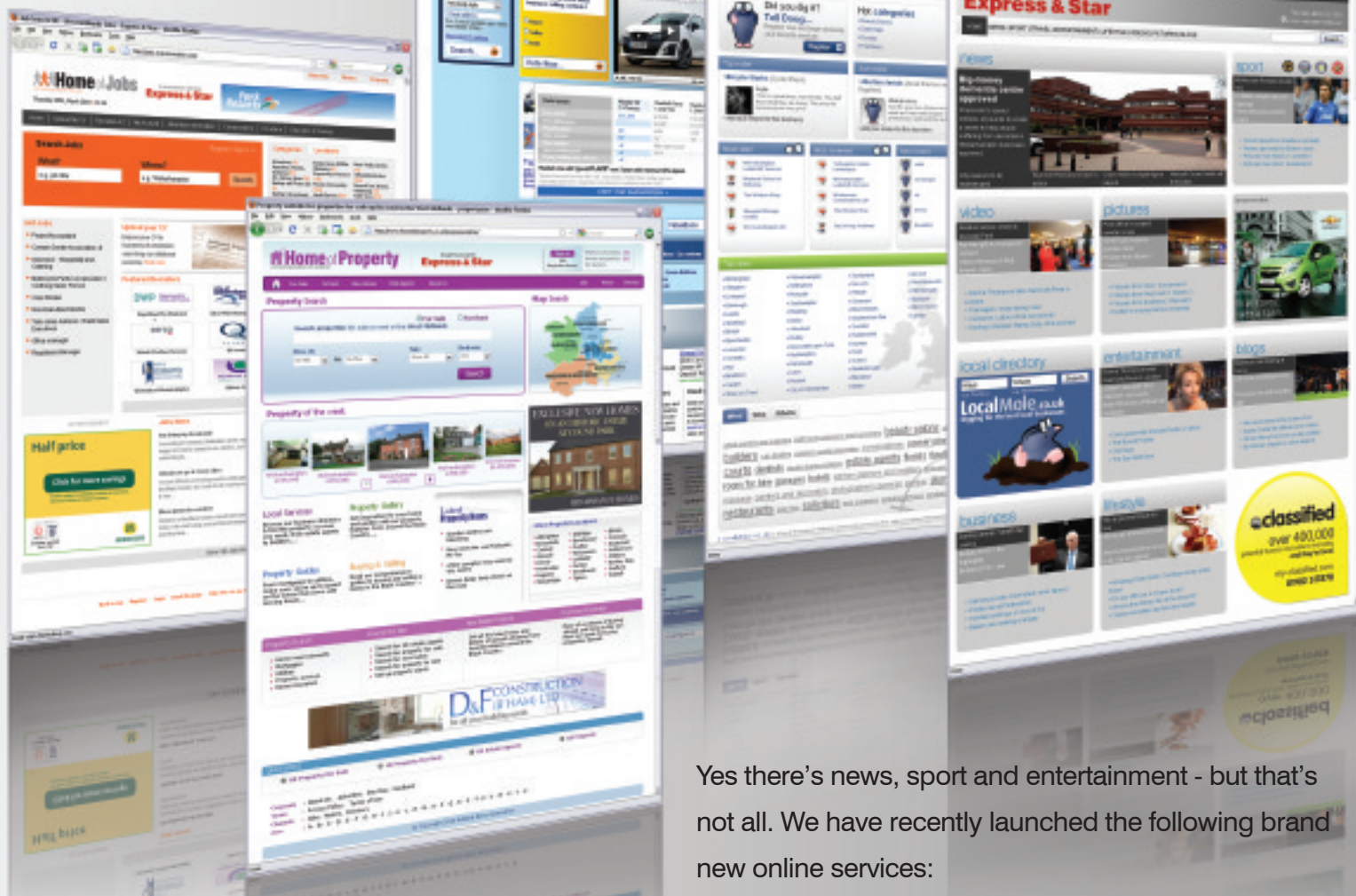
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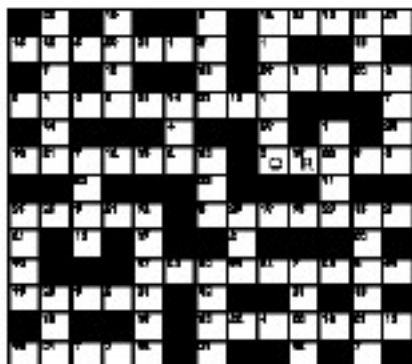
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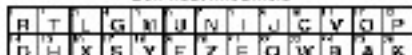
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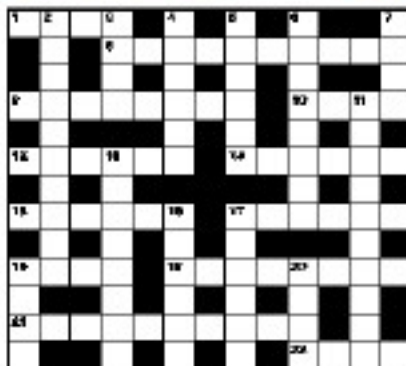
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
The solution to the last week's puzzle is as follows:
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SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491

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HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331399

LADY N/S, car owner, seeks lonely, retired gent with old fashioned values for friendship/days out and holidays. Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354183

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ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349651

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432

SINGLE mum, non drinker, seeks male for nights out, meals and lots of fun. Dudley. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353065

ATTRACTIVE nurse, 48, 5ft 6ins, cinema, walks, country, WLMT attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001

FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and understand me for who I am. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350397

FRIENDLY black female, attractive, 46, single mum, professional, seeks attractive, solvent, retired, professional, genuine male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349865

PRINCE wanted, must be 6ft, loving, caring and honest, no old frogs, I am late 50's and attractive. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337465

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339373

LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346713

HI I am Ellen 45, attractive with statuesque curvy figure looking for an uncomplicated relationship with understanding male friend. Call me. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356135

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LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable, WLMT gentleman, 70-76 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340021

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339799

PETITE dark haired lady, 43, size 10, seeks considerate, N/S male, 25-50 for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338651

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50+ with GSOH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334627

WEST Bromwich female, late 50's, modern, romantic, easygoing, seeks active, genuine male, 45-60 for LTR. Driver preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336759

GENUINE West Bromwich female, smoker, many interests, seeks fit male, driver preferred for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338481

BLONDE female, 32, fun loving, likes letting her hair down and kicking her heels up, caring, considerate, seeks likeminded male, 25-40. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332417

WHITE curvy female 33, GSOH, likes nice things in life, seeks gent 43-57. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325939

BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 7ins, genuine, sincere, OHAC, GSOH, likes dining out, holidays, seeks lonely gent for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331049

YOUNG bubbly black lady, likes winning/dining, seeks mature male for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328669

SUE young thinking 54yr old female, varied interests, likes music, walks, cinema, pets, football, seeks N/S, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328177

RITA 32, size 16-18, 5ft 4ins, seeks male, 30-50 for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324709

STUNNING Caribbean black beauty, 33, size 10, 5ft 9ins, intelligent, caring, classy, seeks generous, solvent, romantic, male, 33-45 for loving, caring relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326751

CONFIDENT full figured and all woman, likes cosy nights in with that special person, looking for friendship maybe more. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356133

BOSSY lady, 44, dark hair, fit, slim, good looking, seeks male, 40-50 who will do as he is told. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326119

PROFESSIONAL lady, 32, GSOH, likes music, arts, philosophy, theatre, reading, animals, politics, seeks genuine, intelligent funny man. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 310459

CURVY black female, seeks genuine male, 28-40 to make me feel like I have fun. Must have GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317387

ATTRACTIVE divorced 55yr old female, size 10, 5ft 6ins, blue eyes, long dark hair, seeks tall, medium build, athletic guy to put the sparkle back into life. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 318203

PETITE blonde lady, 56, OHAC, likes countryside, nights out, dancing, cinema, theatre, holidays, seeks gent with similar interests. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 303395

ATTRACTIVE black female, 33, likes music, cooking, cinema, seeks tall, genuine male, 30-40 for LTR. Single dad welcome. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 315413

60YR young lady, slim, 5ft 4ins, young, outlook, GSOH, honest, caring, loving, likes travel, nights in/out, music, theatre, seeks honest, caring male, 58-68 for love and laughter. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 320067

PROFESSIONAL lady, young 50, fashionable, pleasant, kind, likes countryside, outdoors, holidays, family life, seeks pleasant, committed Christian male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316403

HI I'm Emma, a 31yr old smiley lady. I love fun and am looking for excitement with a fun male, I want to make you happy, age unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356765

BLONDE blue eyed, slim female, 56, likes dancing, music, meals out, cuddles in front of TV, seeks male for romance. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313849

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317945

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, adventurous, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easy-going and N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265

ATTRACTIVE tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slim-medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349211

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339275

ATTRACTIVE single mum, 40, outgoing, seeks similar guy for good times, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348919

WEST Midlands female, 4, attractive, slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, caring, attractive male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343735

FRIENDLY outgoing, sociable lady, 34 but looks mid 20's (if not!) WLMT adventurous male 18 - 65, I'm open to most age/heights, happy to try most things. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355761

FEMALE 53, divorced, N/S, likes theatre, music, seeks honest, caring, loving male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328937

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319

GENUINE caring widow, 64, attractive, likes reading, holidays, meals out, seeks genuine N/S male, 60-68. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378566

GLYNIS 47, slim, brown hair/eyes, trustworthy, likes cinema, nights out, cinema, winning/dining, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323739

DO you know what women want? 40yr old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573

BLONDE attractive, educated lady, tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478

MAUREEN seeks male 32-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325843

FEMALE medium build, seeks nice N/S male, 40-42 for fun and friendship, maybe more. West Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337985

WIDOWED female, 65, likes socialising, holidays, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339765

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 53, modern, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 40-57. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338315

FEMALE likes socialising, nights out, seeks attractive male for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336477

PRETTY size 8 female, 19, seeks male to spoil and treat her like a Princess. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335019

VAL 35, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334695

COUNTRY loving female, black hair, green eyes, GSOH, likes countryside, cosy nights in, music, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333797

SARAH 20, attractive, brown hair/eyes, nice personality, like pets, seeks similar male, handsome for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317925

LADY 50, slim, GSOH, likes cooking, nights out, seeks genuine guy, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333183

STEFF dark hair, single mum, small build, likes cosy nights in/out, seeks single dad, 30-40 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333173

KAREN 47, 5ft 9ins, civil servant, attractive, tend to earth, likes drink, dancing, socialising, home life, seeks tall, professional male, N/S for loving relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324349

WIDOW black lady, green eyes, likes countryside, pubs, music, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332321

IRENE 72, N/S, active, 5ft 2ins, slim, blonde hair, seeks active, 5ft 2ins, slim, blonde hair, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331301

DAK haired lady, 45, seeks N/S male, 40-50 for friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330549

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, likes meals out, holidays, WLMT gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330461

BRUNETTE attractive lady 38, seeks male, large build for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351417

YVETTE pretty, stylish, modern, 44, outgoing, bubbly, sporty, seeks male for nights in/out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351997

SHROPSHIRE female, 40, seeking friendship/relationship with a genuine male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353071

SINGLE mum, new to area, red hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks handsome guy 30-40 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346715

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, genuine, caring male, 45-55 for fun and friendship, maybe LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 347799

GENUINE easygoing lady, 80's, N/S, seeks likeminded gent, 65-75 for friendship and company. Must be genuine. West Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325719

LADY 67, N/S, caring, likes sports, seeks male, 60 plus for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323529

YOUNG 72yr old female, slim, active, attractive, likes walks, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324441

LADY 60's, seeks male for friendship, holidays and socialising. Car driver with ability to tow a caravan a bonus. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324265

TALL slim, young at heart 48yr old female, seeks tall, kind hearted male for nights out and companionship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332863

BLACK beauty, 29, 5ft 4ins, 14st, red, 16, single mum, likes cooking, reading, travel, socialising, seeks honest, down to earth male, 30-45 Single dad welcome. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330831

SYLVIE 59, N/S, long blonde hair, 5ft 2ins, slim, OHAC, likes cycling, walks, keep fit, horse riding, holidays, theatre, films, meals out, GSOH, seeks male for friendship/LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 321149

CLARE 56, likes theatre, animals, films, seeks caring male with GSOH, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 367984

SINGLE mum, likes walks, nights in/out, seeks fun loving male with similar interests. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 320937

SHEILA 5ft 4ins, blue eyes, red hair, 16st, 53, likes music, meals out, country walks, seeks mid 40-54 who is sincere and loving for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 312455

ROSANNA 41, caring, loving, devoted, loyal, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 322921

ATTRACTIVE divorced, single mum, 38, 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, green eyes, seeks similar, honest, attractive, dark haired male, 35-43 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 307800

45YR old natural red head, likes rock music, seeks tall, dark, genuine, honest N/S for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 312491

ATTRACTIVE female, medium build, dark hair, hazel eyes, seeks male, 20-30 for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 315415

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Halesowen Town 2 Windsor and Eton 2

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The Spaniard struck with 11 minutes to go and had earlier won the Yeltz a penalty, despatched by Justin Nisbett, with a Jake Parsons brace putting Windsor ahead in between, *writes David Johnson.*

Marlon Walters was handed the captain's armband and joined on his Yeltz debut by Dexter Ravenhill, also formerly of Redditch.

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Halesowen created a golden chance to double their lead three minutes before the interval when Ravenhill put Izquierdo clear, but he shot early and straight at Rob Bullivant.

Corner

At the start of the second period Izquierdo then robbed full-back Owen but his shot was turned away for a corner and at the other end Parsons set up Chennells to shoot wide.

The Royalists drew level after 55 minutes when Wadieh's reverse ball set up Pearce to cross from the left and Parsons was on hand to tap home from close range.

With the match evenly balanced, Parsons produced a stunning 25-yard shot that dipped under Flower's bar into the net in the 76th minute and looked to have won all three points for the visitors.

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Treble for Blount as Hawks ease to victory

Girls League

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HALAS HAWKS under-13 girls began their assault on the League Cup with a good win.

Hat-trick girl Sophie Blount and Sophie Pritchard, who also scored, forged a formidable attacking partnership while Mia Bell scored an outstanding fifth goal.

Halas Hawks 6 Ferndale Girls 0

In their first game for two months, the under-15s started surprisingly slowly against Ferndale and for the first 10 minutes were second best.

But after that they clicked into gear with some good passing.

The goals came from Kate Drew (2), Liz McAleenan (2), Lauren Taylor and an excellent lobbed finish from Rhiannon Murray.

Their player of the match was Charlotte Little.

Boys League Halas Hawks East 2 Kewford West 1

The under-nines East came under early pressure from Kewford but took the lead against the run of play when Charlie Greening tapped in.

By contrast, they looked better in the second half only for Kewford to break and equalise.

But with a draw looking likely Oliver Miller smashed the ball into the roof of the net to give Halas a somewhat fortunate win.

The Halas man of the match was shared by Greening and Rickio Fairin-Hall.

Warstones 3 Halas Hawks 0

In the under-11s cup game against division one opponents Shadad Dael saved a penalty but could not prevent a 3-0 defeat.

Rio Saints 2 Halas Dynamos 6

The under-12 Dynamos ran out comfortable winners against a much improved Rio Saints team.

After falling behind early in the game, Halas responded well to be 4-1 up at the break with fine finishing from Jack Blunt (2) and Chris Priest (2).

Rio pulled a goal back from the spot but Halas ensured the win with further goals from

Halas Hawks round-up

Dalmar Morrison and Jordan Boffey.

Halas Hawks West 2 Perton 0

The under-12s West made cup progress against plucky opponents with second-half goals from Nathan Postin and Cameron Milne.

Man of the match went to Ellis Meredith.

Halas Hawks 2 Ashmore 2

The under-14s East came back from 2-0 down to gain a draw in an entertaining friendly with Ashmore Park Rangers from the Lichfield League.

Both teams gave a good account of themselves with some fluid passing football and the draw looked to be a fair result.

The Halas goals came from Josh March and Raheem Dyer, both of which were set up by the influential Nathan Collins.

Halas Hawks 7 Dudley Juniors 1

It was a splendid start to the New Year for the under-15s Halas Hawks as they ran out 7-1 winners against Dudley Juniors.

Man of the match Lewis Hatfield bagged four goals and there were two from Rhys Edwards with Steve Barrett also finding the net.

Wall Heath 0 Halas Hawks 5

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Tom Stevens scored from the penalty spot for Halas.

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HARRIERS KEEP THE RUN GOING

Gateshead 2 Kidderminster Harriers 2

KIDDERMINSTER maintained their unbeaten start to 2011 with a draw at struggling Gateshead.

But they were made to rue a number of missed chances that could have given them the win. In a week where the club received a five-point deduction for financial irregularities, it was important Steve Burr's players reacted positively after being on the verge of a play-off place.

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Parry

Tom Shaw saw his effort dip fractionally too late as the visitors controlled possession but failed to add to the tally.

Within a minute of the restart the home defence was opened up and from Blair's pass McPhee should have given Deasy no chance but the keeper flung himself low to his left to parry the effort.

Gradually Gateshead began to dictate play and after Shaw had spurned an opportunity to bring the sides level, they grew in confidence.

The lively Edmundsson swept the ball cross-field to James Tavernier and from his precise centre Shaw guided his header inside Lewis' right hand post to set up a thrilling final 17 minutes.

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Old Coventrians 26 Kidderminster Carolians 10

KIDDERMINSTER fielded a makeshift pack in their first game for a month with key forwards still not recovered from long-term injuries.

Nevertheless, they were more than a match for their opposite numbers and if KC's had kept the game at close quarters they might well have come away with something to show for their efforts in this bad tempered affair.

KC's made a bright start, applying good early pressure without being able to put any points on the board. *writes Martin Easton.*

The forwards then did well to keep Cows out when the hosts responded by camping on the KC line. The stalemate continued until midway through the half when, ominously, missed tackles allowed Cows' fly-half to break free and score in the left-hand corner.

Five minutes later Carolians hit back with an Andy McLellan penalty and had a let-off when Cows missed a penalty opportunity of their own.

The referee's laissez-faire approach led to players taking liberties and the half ended on a sour note with a mass punch-up sparked by a Cows tackle off the ball.

Trademark

Kidderminster fancied their chances in the second half with the elements in their favour; they soon forced three five-metre scrums and from the last No 8 Layton Wilkinson plunged over for a trademark try improved by McLellan's excellent conversion.

Fifteen minutes into the half came the turning point when an altercation between McLellan and a Cows' prop saw the forward yellow carded and the Carolians man given a red.

Skipper John Mounter took over kicking duties but was unsuccessful with a penalty chance and two attempted drop goals.

When Cows were at full strength they made the most of their man advantage – helped by some alarmingly powder puff tackling which enabled the hosts to run in three tries in the latter stages, all converted, to give the final score a lop-sided look.

Late goal saves a point

Halesowen Town 2 Windsor & Eton 2

RUBEN Izquierdo's late strike earned Halesowen a point and cancelled out a second-half brace from Windsor's Jake Parsons.

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